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# THIEVES PUT SICK TOT IN DANGER

**Rachael O'Neill uses a device to help her two-year-old son Enzo breathe. The youngster suffers from complex heart defects that cause him to stop breathing dozens of times each week. Now, he's been put in further danger after burglars stole a bag containing vital medical supplies and medicine from the family car. Story, page 4.** JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

# 'I've never seen a year like this': Chief

**High-profile crimes.** Unprecedented murders rocked community in 2014

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Calgary's police chief says he'll gladly put 2014 in his rear-view mirror after his members were forced to work mass-murder cases unlike any seen before in the city and were subjected to increasing public scrutiny.

"In 40 years of policing, I've never seen a year like this," Rick Hanson said in a year-end interview with Metro. "It's seldom that you see an event like what happened in Brentwood, it's seldom that you see an event like the Liknes-O'Brien homicides."

Calgary's homicide count hit 29 last week with the stabbing death of 34-year-old Ronald Elepano; the tally amounts to six more criminal deaths than were seen in all of 2013.

But eight of those came from two incidents that dominated news headlines, put intense pressure on police and left the greater Calgary community in shock.

On April 15, five young adults were stabbed to death while attending a house party in Brentwood to mark the end of winter classes at the nearby University of Calgary. Mere hours after the incident, Hanson confirmed it as the worst mass murder in city history.

Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson
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Less than three months later, on June 29, five-year-old Nathan O'Brien and his grandparents, Alvin and Kathryn Liknes, disappeared from the couple's Parkhill home. Tens — if not hundreds — of thousands of Calgarians spent two weeks glued to their computer screens, waiting for word on the trio as police combed over a property near Airdrie linked to the case as well as city landfills.

"What made this year different was the impact on the community from a number of these occurrences," Hanson said.

On July 14, Hanson declared that his investigators had enough evidence to confirm that the trio had been murdered. To date, their bodies have not been recovered.

Charges have been laid in both the abduction and Brentwood cases.

But Hanson said the actions of his officers also have been put under increased scrutiny by members of the online community, who flock to their forum of choice to "solve" cases, and on the streets, where seemingly every encounter with a police officer is recorded.

Incidents outside of the city's borders have also had a major impact on members, according to Howard Burns, president of the Calgary Police Association.

The killings of three RCMP officers in Moncton, N.B., in June put city members on high alert, he said. Then, in a matter of days in October, both Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo were targeted and killed — the latter was shot while standing as a ceremonial guard with an unarmed rifle at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Parliament Hill.

Burns said Cirillo's death prompted a meeting with him and Hanson to discuss officer safety.

"There are some officers who won't wear their uniforms home because they don't know who their neighbours are … and you don't want to bring that kind of attention to yourself," Burns said, later adding, "That uniform, it's a sign of authority and it can be targeted — it does happen. So, there is a concern, I think it's probably a legitimate concern and it reflects the world that we live in today."

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# Injured book binder struggles to keep up with holiday rush

**'I have to get these jobs done.'** After getting hit by a car, Robert Angus says his customers are understanding — but only 'up to a point'

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When Robert Angus put the matter of where to have family brunch to a vote, he was thrilled to hear his kids call, unanimously, for Tim Hortons.

It was an inexpensive choice and one close to his apartment on Calgary's busy 17th Avenue SW, so the professional book binder happily set out last Sunday with his fiancée, stepson and stepdaughter for their weekend tradition.

Then, in an instant, everything changed.

The foursome had walked just one block down 17th and began to cross 15th Street when Angus felt something unusual.

"It felt like my son had kicked me on the legs — he's rambunctious — so I was going to turn around and say, 'What the heck are you doing?' and then the next thing you know, I'm going through a windshield," he recalled Sunday, a week after both he and his stepson were hit by a car.

"Then after that, I hit the ground twice," Angus said. "It was quick, it was painful and it was done."

The impact sent the pair to hospital and resulted in "lots of bruises" but "no broken bones, surprisingly enough," Angus said, happy that his stepson's injuries were not at severe as his own.

Two days later, despite debilitating pain, Angus was back at his business, Octavia Book Bindery, to start catching up on the Christmas rush of orders.

"There was no choice, because I have to get these jobs done," he said. "If I refund everybody their money, I go bankrupt."

Hobbled by his injuries and already behind on a to-do list of 54 orders, Angus plugged away as best he could, but the pace was slow.

Friends, family and even a few strangers pitched in, which helped with the rough work, but the fine details — things like embossing leather — were still up to Angus himself.

They managed to finish 20 orders, but getting the remainder done in time for Christmas will be a challenge Angus isn't sure they'll be able to meet.

Most of the book orders are "super-special gifts," he said, things like family histories, collections of love letters or that novel that was never published. One customer is even planning to use a bound book as part of a marriage proposal.

Calgary author Chris Turner, who learned about Angus's plight through social media, was among those who volunteered to help with the work.

"The guy makes books and I write books, so there's a sense of camaraderie there," Turner said.

As an advocate for Calgary's pedestrians, Turner also felt a sense of duty — and curiosity — about Angus's experience.

"I bet there are dozens of stories like Robert's out there," he said.

Robert Angus works in his shop, Octavia Book Bindery, on Sunday, displaying a custom book cover with embossed leather in the foreground. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Turner said Angus's case, seen from a "transportation-system point of view," would be considered relatively minor — "the equivalent of a fender-bender," had it happened between two vehicles — yet it also illustrates the disproportion of the consequences of collisions between people and motor vehicles.

"When a car hits a person, even when it's a minor-by-comparison incident, now here's a guy who's unable to complete his job and his business is potentially threatened," Turner said.

Angus plans to keep plugging away at his orders, and while he's explained his situation to his customers, he said they're only understanding "up to a point."

"You have to understand that these are gifts that are very important to them," he said. "It's not just a small thing."

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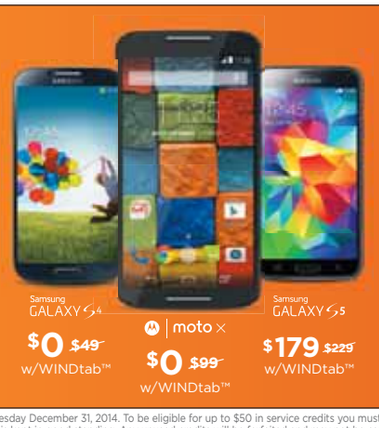


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Rachael O'Neill is seen with her children, Annika and Enzo. The family is bracing for a tough Christmas after thieves stole wrapped presents and numerous medications intended for Enzo, who suffers from heart defects. All told, the stolen items were worth thousands and the loss of equipment has put Enzo's health in jeopardy. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

# Toddler's meds stolen from car

**Family in financial crunch.** Lifesaving equipment that keeps 2-year-old breathing taken, destroyed

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Rachael O'Neill was surprised to find police officers at her door last Wednesday morning, important medical documents concerning her son Enzo in their hands.

Sometime overnight, a thief or thieves had ransacked the O'Neill family car and several others along the 200 block of 13 Avenue NE.

The wrapped Christmas presents that were stolen were one thing, but O'Neill quickly realized someone had made off with two-year-old Enzo's medical bag.

Health experts have long puzzled over Enzo's condition, but O'Neill said, to put it simply, he suffers from heart defects that cause him to stop breathing dozens of times each week. Most of the time, the youngster is able to pull through, but on occasion his parents are forced to turn to an Ambu bag, which forces air into his lungs.

That device was in the stolen bag and was found destroyed down the block. Nearby was Enzo's prized superhero cape, which he wears during stays at the hospital, but it was tattered and muddied. Syringes had been smashed on the street, prompting a call to the fire department.

Numerous medications in the bag were stolen too, as were gift cards for hospital coffee shops and nearby restaurants — Enzo most recently was a patient the day after the burglary took place.

The O'Neills had also left numerous receipts in the bag, which they need to supply to health-insurance providers to be reimbursed.

O'Neill said those receipts alone were worth "thousands and thousands" of dollars, but she was more concerned with her son's immediate safety.

"I don't understand it, that's the biggest thing," she said Sunday. "It's really clearly paediatric medical equipment and it's really clearly life-saving equipment.

"It's something that's used to save a child's life and someone just callously stole and destroyed those items we need to keep our son alive," she said.

O'Neill admitted some of the items shouldn't have been in the car, but said Enzo struggles the most when he's on the road. He has 14 medications he takes daily for his heart and respiratory issues — one product isn't sold in Canada and could take up to three months to replace, O'Neill said.

Some of the items that were left behind out of Enzo's medical bag. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

The stolen equipment isn't covered by insurance.

"We can't drive him anywhere, he can't sleep without having those things available because he does regularly require resuscitation," O'Neill said.

The theft compounded Christmastime problems for the O'Neill family, as provincial support payments for Enzo were already months behind.

"We already are in an incredibly crunched financial situation.... It's just a not super awesome Christmas," she said. "When I learned what happened (with the car theft), I just started laughing because it's just the last straw in a series of so many awful things that have happened in the last couple weeks."

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# Young rollover victim was 'magnetic'

People naturally flocked to Eli Eggli-Gosselin, so it made sense for him to serve as captain of the High River Flyers.

"He was the utmost, great guy — the captain — and the nicest kid you could ever meet," said the Junior B team's head coach Murray Wegener.

"Everybody on the team loved him, everybody that met him, he had this magnetic personality. He was always smiling, yet intense on the ice."

Gosselin, 20, and close friend Carter Corrigan, 19, died Saturday in a rollover near the Mazeppa gas plant outside High River, Alta. Both men were from High River.

RCMP said they received reports of an overturned Chrysler Sebring around 8:10 a.m. Upon arrival, the Mounties found the bodies of Eggli-Gossellin and Corrigan. Both men were wearing their seatbelts, but investigators are still working to determine if speed or alcohol played a factor.

The Flyers, who play in the Heritage Junior Hockey League, cancelled their games over the weekend as they mourn what was described as a "devastating loss."

Wegener said he was struggling to comprehend what happened.

"I'm still at a loss over it … it's hard," he said.

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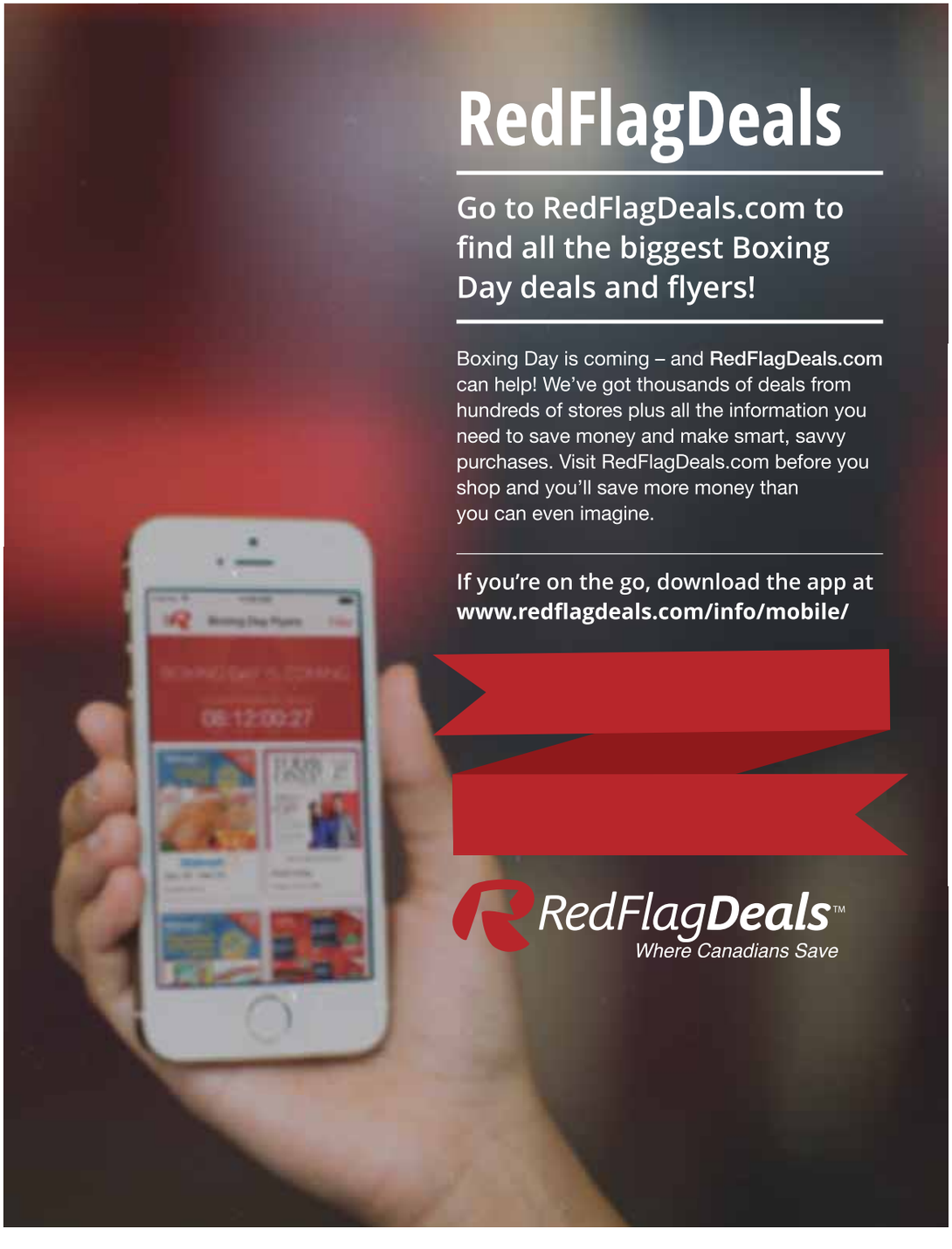
Eli Eggli-Gosselin FACEBOOK

Tamara Lee's philosophy is that everyone has the capacity to make the city a better place by just doing small things. In this photo, she checks out the latest additions to the community Christmas tree she put up in Sunnyside.

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# A communal Xmas tree

**ContainR site.** Tiny community project gets Cheerios, popcorn and many other cheerful ornaments

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In a surprising addition to the containR site in the northwest Calgary community of Sunnyside, a tiny Christmas tree has been left by Tamara Lee with a request reading, "Please decorate me."

Standing only 1.5 metres in stature, this Christmas tree, dubbed the "CommuniTree," has already been covered in handmade popcorn and cranberry garland, baubles, a few lone gloves and even a spoon filled with Cheerios.

"Some of these things are obviously handmade," said Lee. "So it's just a way for people to participate because not everybody has that 'white Christmas' Christmas."

Lee, her 14-year-old daughter and her husband decided to launch this as an "experiment" to see how the community would respond to an invitation to play.

After being up for only a few days, the tree was already adorned with a homemade star made out of cardboard and tinfoil, and tiny pretend gifts underneath.

**Eager**

**"People are hungry to engage with each other; they just need an invitation."**

Tamara Lee, one of the people behind containR's CommuniTree

ContainR is the first designated "art park" in the City of Calgary, and has occupied the corner of 9 Avenue and 2 Street NW for the past 18 months. Nicole Mion, executive director of containR, said that these projects that evolve over time offer the community the chance to evolve itself.

"You can participate as you like, either by going to see how it's evolving, or by decorating in your own way," Mion said. "It's playful and effective, so let's (have) the community come together and see what they come up with."

The CommuniTree will stay standing until Christmas, but Lee said that she will keep launching these small-scale projects to keep the community vibrant — and even promised that the tree will make a return.

"You'll see this tree again," Lee said.

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**2** Jan. 19, Dennis Barreira, 46. Found unconscious in southeast home. Death determined to be a result of strangulation.

**3** Feb. 14, Carlton Edlund, 50. Walked into Delta Bow Valley hotel suffering from stab wounds and later died in hospital.

**4** Feb. 15, Don Carlson, 59. Initially thought to have died as a result of carbon monoxide in Lake Bonavista home, but that has since been ruled out. Now believed murdered.

**5** Feb. 15, Roxanne Carlson, 56. Believed murdered along with her husband, Don.

**6** Date unknown, Suryan Giama, 25. Was last seen at a home in Woodbine in February. Remains found in June near Morley were identified to be those of Giama.

**7** March 8, Juliano Crawford Vieira, 17. Fatally stabbed at a southwest house party

**8** April 15, Kaitlin Perras, 23. Fatally stabbed at Brentwood house party.

**9** April 15, Joshua Hunter, 23. Also stabbed at Brentwood house party.

**10** April 15, Zackariah Rathwell, 21. Also stabbed at Brentwood house party.

**11** April 15, Jordan Segura, 22. Also stabbed at Brentwood house party

**12** April 15, Lawrence Hong, 27. Also stabbed at Brentwood house party.

**13** May 3, Fahmida Velji-Visram, 29. Fatally stabbed in Penbrooke home belonging to friend Sanjuli Devi's estranged husband.

**14** May 3, Sanjula Devi, 36. Also stabbed in Penbrooke home.

# Loved ones vow to press on after mass killings

**'Incredible' support.** Foundations continue to honour the lost

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When Kyle Tenove is down, often all it takes is a quick check of his email inbox to brighten his spirits.

Every time a donation is made to the foundation he helped jump-start, Zackariah and the Non-Profits, he gets a notification.

It's been months since the foundation's prime event, a concert at Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, was held, but the funds still roll in.

"They are names I don't even know," he said. "It's incredible. It's what has kept us going."

The foundation was formed in honour of the five victims of Calgary's worst mass killing. All were fatally stabbed at a house party in April. Two of them, Zackariah Rathwell and Joshua Hunter, played alongside Tenove in the foursome band known as Zackariah and The Prophets.

The crime would send shock waves through the city, with hundreds turning out for funerals to honour Hunter, Rathwell and fellow victims Kaitlin Perras, Lawrence Hong and Jordan Segura.

"They were five great people, and two of them I was especially close with," Tenove said Sunday. "Every day, we wish they were still here."

Soon his foundation will be folded into a more organized effort spurred by Hunter's father Barclay, called The Prophets of Music Foundation. Some of the details are being kept quiet, but there will be a focus on music education, Tenove said.

To date, the original foundation has raised about $45,000.

Lingering pain

**"We're still grieving; it's going to be a long process."**

Kyle Tenove, former bandmate of victims Zackariah Rathwell and Joshua Hunter

Tenove and fellow surviving band member Barry Mason have other plans on the horizon too, as they've joined up with two new musicians to form a group called Brother Prussia. The foursome has been practising for months and is due to play its first live gig in early 2015.

"It's going to be amazing," Tenove said. "The Jubilee (concert) was the first time I'd played live in months after they passed away, and that was difficult.... Moving forward, it's really exciting. I love playing live; that's my thing."

Elsewhere, the parents of another mass-killing victim are also attempting to honour his life.

Rod and Jen O'Brien have launched The Nathan O'Brien Children's Foundation with the intent of funnelling funds to city charities almost immediately.

The young Nathan O'Brien and his grandparents, Alvin and Kathryn Liknes, were last seen alive in the couple's Parkhill home June 29. A little more than two weeks later, police said they had enough evidence to determine the trio had been killed.

The O'Briens could not be reached for an update on the foundation's progress, but Randy Prevost, Kathryn's brother, said it's a continuing struggle for him and fellow loved ones.

"Sometimes, I have to really push to take all the warm memories in without letting the others invade in, because I'm just always sad at ... the way she supposedly went," he said.

Kyle Tenove practises on his Fleabass on Sunday. The musician is pressing to play on after two bandmates — and close friends — were killed at a house party in April. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

**15** June 24, Gabriel Okeynan, 45. Stabbed outside Marlborough Mall. Later died in hospital.

**16** Date unknown, Nathan O'Brien, 5. Presumed dead. Last seen at grandparents' home on June 29.

**17** Date unknown, Alvin Liknes, 66. Presumed dead alongside grandson.

**18** Date unknown, Kathryn Liknes, 53. Presumed dead alongside grandson.

**19** July 5, Ayuen Ajak Goot, 18. Found unresponsive in Radisson Heights-area parking lot.

**20** Date unknown, Colton Crowshoe, 18. Last seen leaving a party in Abbeydale. Body later found in pond.

**21** Date unknown, name unknown, 49. Killed in southeast home. Name wasn't released as the accused is a minor related to her.

**22** July 29, Brian Black Kettle, 35. Found unconscious in downtown park after unprovoked attack. Pronounced dead in hospital.

**23** Aug. 23, Natasha Farah, 26. Shot outside the Bronco Smokehouse & Saloon.

**24** Sept. 1, John MacIver, 38. Stabbed in Bowness-area parking lot. Pronounced dead in hospital.

**25** Sept. 3, Kathy Lynn Reid, 37. Found dead of asphyxiation consistent with strangulation in truck parked in southeast.

**26** Sept. 14, Susan Rae Elko, 39. Fatally stabbed in Mission neighbourhood.

**27** Oct. 4, Jason Quinn Antonio, 39. Shot in an alleyway in Marlborough Park. Pronounced dead in hospital.

**28** Oct. 8, Maqsood Ahmed, 55. Assaulted and fatally stabbed in Westwinds area.

**29** Dec. 15, Ronald Elepano, 34. Found with stab wounds on sidewalk in Penbrooke Meadows. Later died in hospital.

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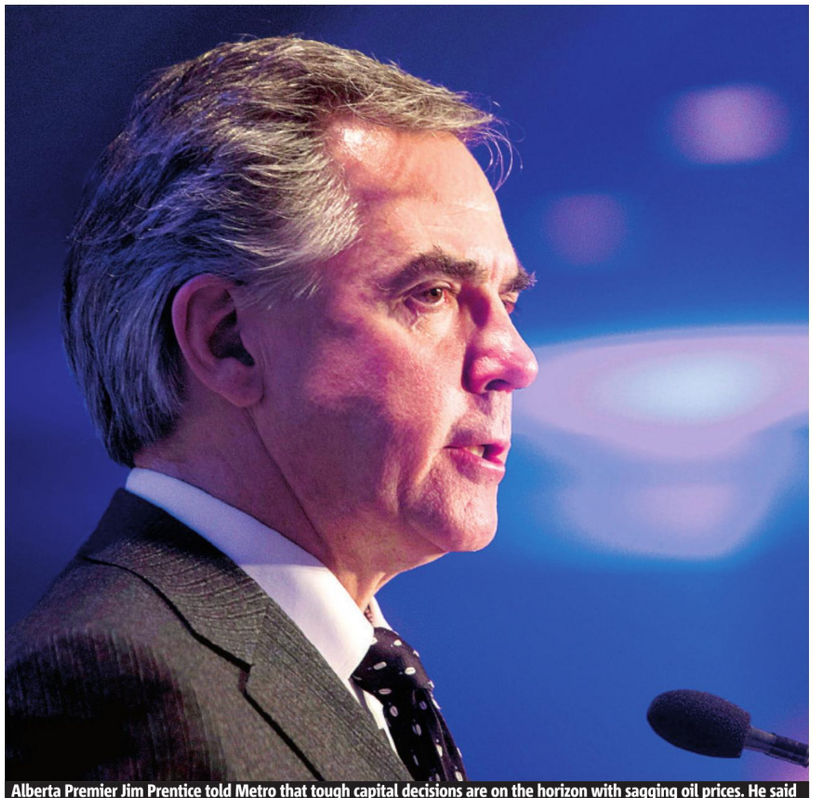

Alberta Premier Jim Prentice told Metro that tough capital decisions are on the horizon with sagging oil prices. He said the building of schools is "fundamental to the responsibility of government," but warned the province can't operate "watching OPEC meetings to try to determine how many schools you can build." THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# Low oil prices, less revenue: Premier

**Metro interview.** Prentice says $6B gap in the budget means 'consequences'

**$6-billion size hole**

"If we fired every single employee of the Government of Alberta it would not cover that ($6-billion) gap." Premier Jim Prentice

RYAN TUMILTY
Metro in Edmonton

Premier Jim Prentice said Alberta's tumbling oil prices could slow down construction of the province's new schools, roads and capital projects.

In a year-end interview with Metro, Prentice said the government is looking at what it wants to build versus what it will have to spend.

"It's going to be necessary for us to draw a distinction between the things that we need and the things that we want," he said.

Prentice said he's absolutely committed to building all of the schools the province has announced.

"The construction of schools is fundamental to the responsibility of government. If we educate our children properly, everything else will take care of itself," he said.

He said the question is now one of timing.

"We need to look at every project and determine if it gets constructed this year, next year or the year after," he said. "It's not easy, but when you have a $6.2 billion hole in your budget I think everybody has to accept there are going to be consequences."

Prentice said the government is being told to accept the possibility oil prices will stay depressed for some time. He said the government is looking at ways it can reduce spending, but it will also have to increase revenue.

"If we fired every single employee of the Government of Alberta it would not cover that gap," he said.

Prentice said he wants this year's budget to set a long-term course for the province that will move Alberta away from being so reliant on energy.

"You can't operate a province as sophisticated as Alberta lurching from year to year on the energy rollercoaster, watching OPEC meetings to try to determine how many schools you can build," he said.

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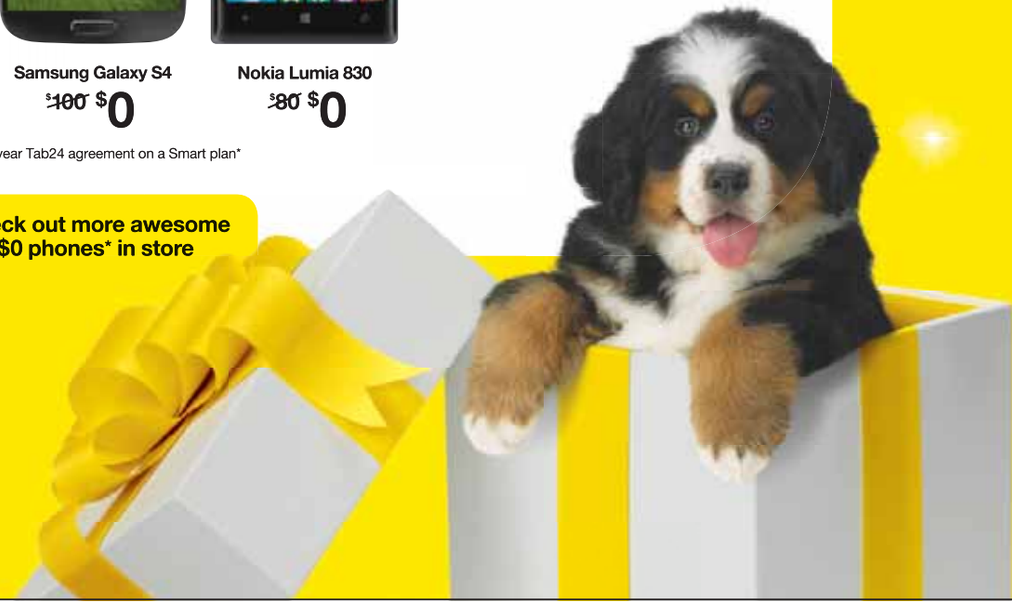

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Aiden Chi is seen in the food court at the University of Calgary's MacEwan Hall. Chi has turned to crowd-funding to raise some of his tuition amid fears he'll be forced to return to his native South Korea and serve in the country's military. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

# U of C student fears a forced return to Korea

**'Really scary.'** International tuition three times that charged for Canadian students

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Aiden Chi, 20, is a proud Canadian, regardless of whether he's officially recognized as such.

His parents sent him to Canada from his native South Korea seven years ago hoping he'd improve his English, get a good job and start a family.

They were never able to obtain proper citizenship, but Chi managed to enrol as an international student in the University of Calgary's business program, where he is now in second year.

Extending his work visa depends on his continuing studies, but he faces a $30,000 roadblock to get through his third year.

Adding to Chi's troubles, if he can't stay here, he could be forced to return to Korea, where every man 20 or older must serve two years in the military.

"It's actually really scary," he said. "I don't want to leave anything behind, all of my work and everything. It feels like everything I did here will be for nothing."

Chi's parents supported him through the first half of his degree but can no longer afford to do so.

The university, meanwhile, maintains that international students pay the true cost of tuition ($1,833.84 per course, according to the school's website) whereas Canadian students pay a subsidized rate ($538.59 per course) based on taxes paid to Revenue Canada.

Chi said he fears not having enough time to raise the needed funds to keep his spot at the school. He's launched a crowd-funding page in hopes of raising $30,000. To date, about $1,100 has been contributed.

"When I'm in school I can't really work a lot," he said. "It's not a lot of time to raise tens of thousands of dollars.... If I go back to Korea I'll be forced to speak Korean.... The whole point of coming to Canada was to learn English and if I go back, I won't have the chance."

**Fundraising**

For a link to Aiden Chi's fundraising page, head to metronews.ca/calgary

**Edmonton**

## Man facing murder charges denied bail

Police say bail has been denied to Travis Vader after charges of first-degree murder he faced in the deaths of an Edmonton couple were re-activated.

RCMP say Vader was brought to court on Saturday to determine whether bail should be granted, but was ordered to be held in custody until Tuesday. His lawyer, Brian Beresh said his client was "very upset" over being taken back into custody. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Stolen car, baby. Infant returned unharmed

A 10-month old boy is safe after the car he was left unattended in was stolen in southeast Calgary Sunday afternoon.

Police were called to the 10,000 block of Macleod Trail SE around 5:45 p.m. Sunday after reports of a vehicle being stolen with a baby inside.

According to police, the tot was left in a car seat in the back of a GMC Yukon that was left running while the mom went into a nearby store.

The suspect allegedly walked up to the vehicle and drove off with the child still inside, police said.

About 25 minutes later, the concerned offender stopped in the 9800 block of Horton Road SW and flagged down a passerby to call 911.

Emergency services responded to the scene and the child was assessed by paramedics. The baby wasn't harmed.

Police arrested the alleged offender at the scene and charges are pending.

Police are reminding the public to not leave children unattended in a vehicle, especially with the vehicle running. METRO

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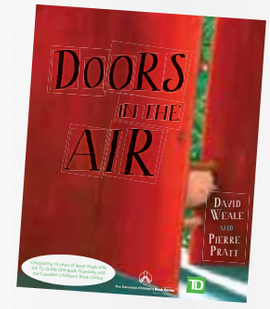


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# Day 6 of deliberations in Magnotta trial pass, without verdict from jury

The jury will deliberate for a seventh day on Monday at Luka Rocco Magnotta's murder trial.

Day 6 on Sunday came and went without the 12 jurors reaching verdicts in the five charges against the accused.

Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder and four other offences in the slaying and dismemberment of Chinese engineering student Jun Lin in May 2012.

The eight women and four men deciding his fate began deliberations on Tuesday and have since contacted the court only twice - once to ask a legal question and once to get technical help.

Magnotta has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder and is trying to be found not criminally responsible.

His lawyer says he is schizophrenic and couldn't tell right from wrong at the time of the slaying, but prosecutors say Lin's death was pre-meditated.

In addition to the murder charge, Magnotta is also accused of criminally harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other members of Parliament; mailing obscene and indecent material; committing an indignity to a body; and publishing obscene materials.

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# Tot hit, left by road: RCMP want charges

**Abandoned at bus stop in Surrey.**
Mounties have suspect, a relative of the young boy, in custody

RCMP are recommending charges against a man who they say struck a three-year-old boy in the face and abandoned him at a bus stop in Surrey, B.C.

Staff Sgt. Joe Johal says police are recommending charges of assault and child abandonment.

Johal says the man is a Surrey resident who is related to the child but would not confirm he is the boy's father.

The suspect has been released from custody with conditions and a court appearance is scheduled, something B.C. police have the power to do pending Crown approval of charges.

Johal thanked witnesses who contacted police on Saturday morning about the incident as well as those who circulated the boy's photo on social media.

Callers reported the boy was struck in the face and pushed by a man who then got on a bus, leaving the boy behind.

"A lot of people called and (there were) a lot of tips, and even the arrest that took place was due to a tip from a citizen who observed and called us," said Johal in an interview on Sunday.

He said police were able to identify the suspect and get him in custody within a few hours.

The boy has since been reunited with his mother. The Ministry of Children and Family Development was involved Saturday and will keep the file open, said Johal.

Lucy Ingram, an employee at nearby Berezan Liquor Store, said she brought the boy inside the store after a customer told her he had been left at the bus stop.

When she found him he was wearing swim trunks, a T-shirt, a summer jacket, a toque and one mitten. His feet were soaked and he was "very distraught," she said.

"We were trying to get him to say anything, but he didn't say anything, not even a word for over an hour and a half," she said in a phone interview.

She and a co-worker tried to cheer him up with iPhone games until authorities arrived. A customer posted his photo on her community Facebook page, and people began coming into the store with toys, she said.

"The amount of people that came in just from the Facebook page to bring him teddy bears, little dinosaur toys... That perked him right up when he saw the dinosaur toys. From there on in his name was 'dinosaur.' That was all he would say," she said.

Ingram said she was happy to hear the boy was reunited with his mother, as once he began talking he was only asking for his mom. She added she felt "sick to her stomach" thinking about the boy being left alone at the stop.

"I just couldn't imagine," said Ingram. "The thought of that being my grandson or my granddaughter or one of my daughters when they were small, it just horrified me."

The investigation continues and police are still looking to speak with additional witnesses.

No names have been released. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Overall drug consumption stable in the army, blind study reveals

**2013 study.** Pot remains the drug of choice while cocaine is gaining popularity; report blind-tested for 11 substances

Marijuana remains the drug of choice for members of the Canadian army, based on the Force's latest blind drug testing report that also found cocaine is gaining popularity among some members.

The report, done between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2013, found the overall drug consumption rate has been relatively stable since 2010 but suggested young, non-commissioned members were more prone to do drugs.

The findings, contained in a 42-page report obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act, included testing for 11 controlled substances at 26 Armed Forces units across the country. There were 4,198 participants from most ranks and age groups.

The testing found that 279 urine specimens — or 6.6 per cent — tested positive for at least one drug, with pot detected in 5.3 per cent of all of the samples. That's up from the 4.2 per cent in 2012 and 4.8 per cent the year before that.

Positive test results for marijuana came from 19 units, with the bulk from 3 Royal Canadian Regiment and 2 Service Battalion in Petawawa, Ont.

The report says nine units had cocaine-positive samples, with the most again from members in 3 Royal Canadian Regiment in Petawawa. Results showed 44 samples overall had traces of cocaine, up from the 29 positive samples the previous year, making it one of the higher rates since the testing started in 2007.

While the numbers were considered low, members of the psychosocial health dynamics team who wrote the report said there was a higher likelihood that members tested positive for cocaine in 2013 than in 2009.

"There was a significant difference for the proportion of cocaine-positive samples, such that 2013 blind drug testing participants were significantly more likely to test positive for cocaine than those tested in 2009," the report states.

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**No disciplinary action**

**The Canadian Forces has a zero-tolerance policy for illicit drugs and conducts testing to gather data to guide its drug program. No one was available for an interview on the report, but a spokeswoman said that "the results are not used for disciplinary purposes as no urine sample can be attributed to a specific member."**

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Handgun incident

## Canadian man shot by U.S. border guards

The U.S. border agency says a Canadian man was shot after allegedly pointing a handgun at guards at the Ambassador Bridge between Windsor, Ont., and Detroit.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says he stopped his car near the U.S. inspection booth at 3 a.m. Sunday and walked toward border officers while waving a gun. It says the officers ordered him to drop the weapon but he pointed it their direction, prompting them to open fire.

The agency says the man, whom it hasn't identified, was treated and released from hospital before being taken into custody.

It says the man has had "previous encounters" with Canadian law enforcement.

The statement says border and Department of Homeland Security officials are investigating along with Detroit police.

Windsor police say the man was seen waving a handgun in the parking lot of a local McDonald's some 20 minutes before the incident at the border crossing.

They say that when police arrived he was ordered to drop the weapon but refused, and then pointed the gun at officers, who were not aware of what was happening as they were busy dealing with passersby behind the man.

According to the police statement, the man then asked officers, "Why haven't you shot me yet?" and that officers tried to talk him down. Police say the man then got back into his SUV and drove off before officers could get back to their cruisers.

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# Nutrition North: What went wrong?

**Food security in the North.** Many have expressed concern that businesses are not passing Nutrition North subsidy to consumers

For years, northerners have complained about Nutrition North to anyone who would listen, grumbling that the $60-million annual federal food subsidy was doing little to ease their staggering grocery costs.

No one, it seemed, took much notice.

That all changed last month, when auditor general Michael Ferguson revealed that the program's overseers are largely in the dark about whether the subsidy is doing anything for the people who need it the most.

One of Ferguson's observations in particular struck a nerve with some northerners: that some retailers are cashing in on the subsidy.

"The stores are making money based on the amount of food they're bringing in, and in return they're supposed to lower their food price," said Leesee Papatsie, who helped organize Nunavut-wide food price protests.

"In upper, High Arctic communities, the subsidy is higher than the freight cost. So they're making money like that."

Food has always cost more in the North, due to the expense of shipping it in from other parts of Canada, the region's relatively small and dispersed population, and the distance from major transportation hubs.

Ron Elliott, who used to represent a High Arctic riding in Nunavut's legislature, said people are skeptical that businesses are actually passing on the full subsidy to customers.

Aboriginal Affairs has not required merchants to report their profit margins, which over time would indicate whether the full subsidy is being passed on. Ferguson's report said such a measure would help quell skepticism about whether consumers are actually getting the full benefit of the subsidy.

The department now says that as of April 1, retailers will have to provide information on their profit margins.

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**"What you're doing is you're putting the subsidy in the hands of the businesses. If you're in business to make a profit, are you going to be that willing to have good will?"**

Ron Elliott, former representative of a High Arctic riding in Nunavut's legislature.

A price tag lists the price and subsidy of a four-litre jug of milk at a grocery store in Iqaluit, Nunavut, on Dec. 8.

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Nutrition North gives retailers a subsidy based on the weight of eligible foods shipped to eligible communities. But the auditor general found Aboriginal Affairs did not choose eligible communities based on need.

To highlight the problem, Ferguson's team pointed to two remote communities in northern Ontario, both about the same distance to the nearest town and lacking year-round road access. One is eligible for a subsidy of $1.60 a kilogram; the other only five cents a kilogram.

The audit found that the department chose communities based on two factors: whether they had year-round road access and if they had used the old Food Mail program.

Communities that made very little use of Food Mail are eligible for only a partial subsidy of five cents per kilogram, while places that did not use food mail aren't eligible.

"Consequently, community eligibility is based on past usage instead of current need," the report says.

"As a result, there may be other isolated northern communities, not benefiting from the subsidy, where access to affordable, nutritious food may be an issue."

Aboriginal Affairs told Ferguson's team it has looked at expanding the full subsidy to around 50 fly-in northern communities, but doing so would increase the cost of the program by $7 million a year.

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In detail

**Food has always cost more in the North, due to the expense of shipping it in.**

- The federal government used to subsidize shipping costs through the old Food Mail program.
- Under Food Mail, retailers had to rely on airlines chosen by Canada Post to get the subsidized freight rate.
- But in 2011, the Conservatives replaced Food Mail with Nutrition North, which shifted the subsidy to retailers, who in turn were expected to pass it on by cutting food costs for consumers.
- Many are skeptical that businesses are actually passing on the full subsidy to consumers.

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## Washington. U.S. reviews North Korea's terror status

President Barack Obama says the United States is reviewing whether to put North Korea back on its list of state sponsors of terrorism as Washington decides how to respond to what he calls an "act of cybervandalism," not one of war, against a movie company.

Sony Pictures Entertainment said it cancelled the theatrical release of The Interview after distributors refused to show it. The comedy involves a plot to assassinate North Korea's leader.

David Boies, a Sony lawyer, said The Interview is "going to be distributed, and what Sony has been trying to do is to get the picture out to the public," while protecting the rights of company employers and moviegoers. Boies said theatres "quite understandably" decided not to show the film as scheduled because of the threats. "You can't release a movie unless you have a distribution channel," he said.

North Korea has denied hacking the studio, and on Saturday proposed a joint investigation with the U.S. to determine the true culprit. The White House rejected the idea and said it was confident North Korea was responsible.

U.S. President Barack Obama. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Obama is promising to respond.

"We're not going to be intimidated by some cyberhackers," he said.

The president said the U.S. would examine the facts to determine whether North Korea should land back on the terrorism sponsors list.

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# N.Y. cop killer had a criminal history

**Brooklyn.** Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu were gunned down at close range in their patrol car

The gunman who fatally ambushed two police officers in their squad car had a long criminal record, a hatred for police and the government, and an apparent history of mental instability that included an attempt to hang himself a year ago, authorities said Sunday.

Moments before opening fire, Ismaaiyl Brinsley approached people on the street in Brooklyn and asked them to follow him on Instagram, then told them, "Watch what I'm going to do," Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce said.

A portrait of the Brooklyn-born gunman emerged as big-city police departments and union leaders around the U.S. warned officers to change their routines and insist on extra backup a day after Brinsley carried out what he portrayed online as retaliation for the slayings of black men at the hands of white police officers.

Brinsley was black; the slain officers were Asian and Hispanic.

The slayings come at a tense time. Police nationwide have been criticized for months for their tactics, following Eric Garner's death in a New York officer's chokehold and Michael Brown's fatal shooting in Ferguson, Mo. Protests erupted in recent weeks after grand juries declined to charge the white officers involved.

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New York City Police Commissioner Bill Bratton leaves flowers at an impromptu memorial near the site where two police officers were killed in the Brooklyn borough of New York, Sunday. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In this May 11 file photo, a soldier and government officials inspect the bridge that links Nigeria and Cameroon after an attack by Islamic militants. JOSSY OLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# Boko Haram stages cross-border attacks and recruitment

**Nigeria's Islamic extremists.** Worries grow about Boko Haram's threat to neighbouring countries

Thousands of members of Nigeria's home-grown Islamic extremist Boko Haram group strike across the border in Cameroon, with co-ordinated attacks on border towns, a troop convoy and a major barracks.

Farther north, Boko Haram employs recruits from Chad to enforce its control in north-eastern Nigerian towns and cities.

In Niger, the government has declared a "humanitarian crisis" and appealed for international aid to help tens of thousands of Nigerian refugees driven from their homes by the insurgency.

These recent events show how neighbouring countries are being drawn increasingly into Nigeria's Islamic uprising. Thousands of people have been killed in Nigeria's five-year insurgency and some 1.6 million people driven from their homes.

"We are concerned about the increasing regionalization of Boko Haram," said Comfort Ero, Africa director for the International Crisis Group.

On Sunday, Cameroon's army announced it had broken up a Boko Haram training camp in the Mayo-Danay district in the country's north.

Ero cautioned that co-operation between the neighbouring countries is weak. She said there is also distrust of the capabilities of Nigeria's once-proud military, which has been battered by Boko Haram.

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Boko Haram

## *Video shows civilians being killed*

A new video from Nigeria's home-grown Boko Haram extremists shows gunmen mowing down civilians lying face-down in a dorm, and a leader saying they are being killed because they are "infidels." There are so many corpses the gunmen have difficulty stepping to reach bodies still twitching. Most appear to be adult men.

"From now, killing, slaughtering, destructions and bombing will be our religious duty," the group leader says in a message.

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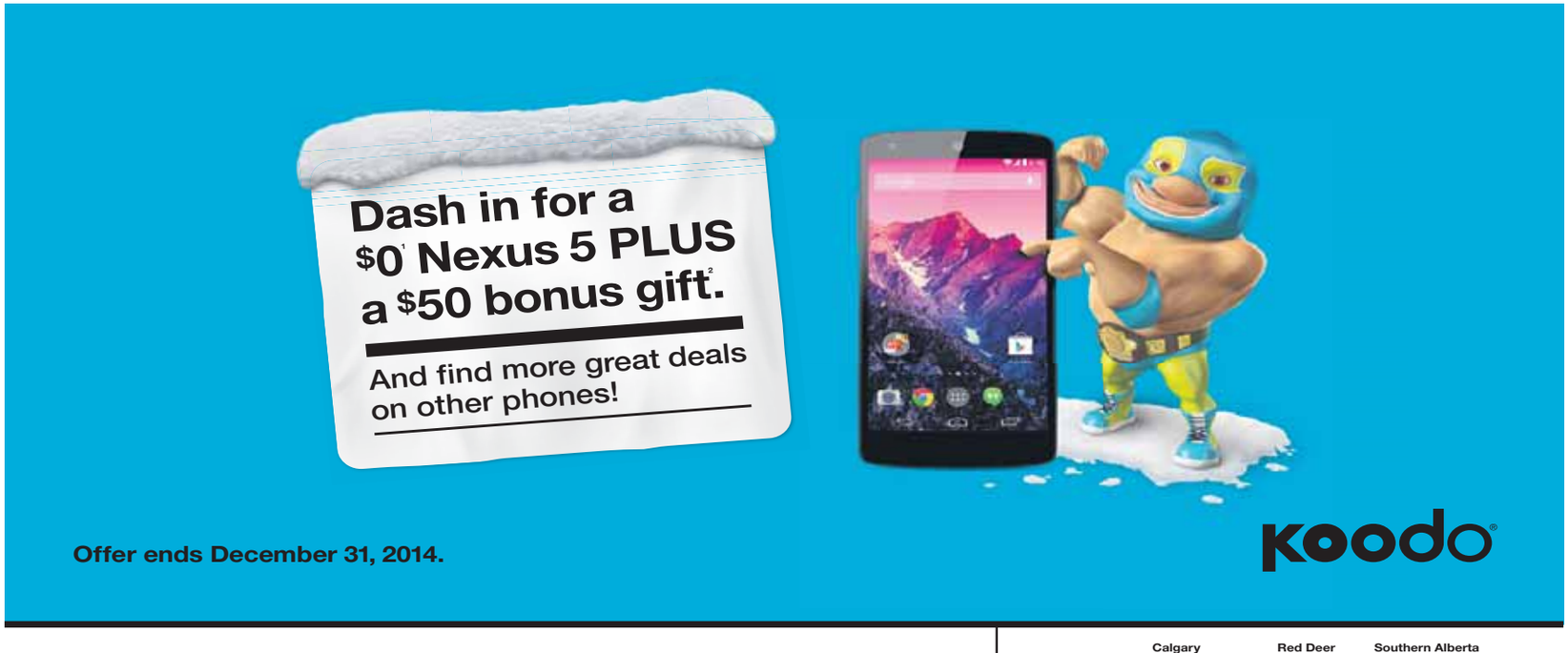


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## Credit card fraud. Toronto man ordered to pay $1.5M

It took nearly eight years from the time a Toronto man was arrested in a massive credit card fraud scheme, but a U.S. federal judge has figured out how much each victim is owed.

Prosecutors described the man's massive credit-card fraud scheme as high-tech bank robbery — stealing the identities of 38,000 people in order to bilk dozens of banks. So when he was convicted of mail fraud in February 2011, the U.S. government began the arduous task of figuring out just how much each victim was owed.

Years later, following the government's petition to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a federal judge ordered Adekunle Adetiloye to pay about $1.5 million US in restitution and forfeiture. Adetiloye is appealing the Dec. 8 judgment.

What isn't clear, is whether anyone will see the restitution payments, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Nick Chase.

Adetiloye's 18-year prison sentence, issued in January 2012, capped a lengthy international investigation into fake debt-collection agencies.

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**Quoted**

"A lot of the people didn't have money directly stolen from them. It was all the banks that had lost money.... People were out a lot emotionally, but you can't compensate for that."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nick Chase

## Saudi Arabia. Low oil prices not a 'conspiracy'

Saudi Arabia's oil chief on Sunday dismissed allegations that his kingdom conspired to bring down oil prices in order to harm other countries and told a summit of Arab energy leaders that he was confident the market would stabilize.

The kingdom, which is dependent on oil revenues, is able to weather lower oil prices due to large reserves built up over the years. Non-OPEC member Russia and other nations like Iraq, Iran and Venezuela need prices substantially above present levels to meet budget goals and want to drive prices up.

Saudi Arabia maintains it is opposed to cutting production because of fears its market share could erode.

"The best thing for everybody is to let the most efficient produce," Saudi Petroleum Minister Ali Naimi said in the United Arab Emirates capital of Abu Dhabi.

The price of U.S. crude has dipped below $60 US a barrel, its lowest in five years. Naimi said he was certain that the market would recover.

"I want to say from this podium that talk about a Saudi conspiracy has no basis of accuracy at all and points to a misunderstanding," Naimi added.

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**Price**

**$60**

The price of U.S. crude has dipped below $60 US a barrel, its lowest in five years.

# Luxury retailers head north of 49th parallel

**Shopping.** The entrance of high-end American department store chains have got Canadian rivals on the defensive

With the arrival of Nordstrom north of the border in Calgary and Saks Fifth Avenue waiting in the wings, the U.S. department stores are joining an increasingly crowded field of players banking on Canadian fans of high-end goods to spread the love — and wealth — to their shops.

Homegrown brands are bracing for the influx of fresh competition by shoring up or bolstering their operations.

Luxury menswear retailer Harry Rosen has enlarged four of its existing locations and has three major stores opening in 2015, said chairman and CEO Larry Rosen.

"It became obvious to us two, three, four years ago there was going to be an American invasion in our segment of retail, that a number of department stores were going to come here, and we obviously sat back to develop a strategy," Rosen said in an interview.

"When we sat back and we thought about it, we realized that we could turn an increasingly competitive situation into a positive — into a competitive strength."

With Holt Renfrew poised to open new locations and expand existing major stores in the coming years and Quebec-based retailer Simons readying to launch in cities across the country beginning in 2015, Canadian consumers will be rich for choice with the imminent boom in luxury offerings. Yet with so many locations selling upscale, big-ticket items, will homegrown shoppers be able to shell out enough to support all of the competing players?

Ernst & Young partner Daniel Baer said what distinguishes many of the high-end retailers entering the marketplace is that they're concentrated in major urban centres like Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal and are opening limited stores in those cities.

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Canada's retail market has gotten a lot more competitive with the entrance of U.S. retailers, like Saks Fifth Avenue.
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**Canadian sensibility**

**Brynn Winegard, a marketing expert with Winegard & Company, says Canadians tend to be more value-conscious and less price-sensitive than Americans.**

- "We are a lot more accepting of higher prices if we believe the value is there. And our economy is one that is padded enough that our consumers, our people, stay fairly affluent through the business cycle," she said.
- "Our retailers and our consumer spending doesn't shift or sway as much through the business cycle — as an example — we see in the U.S. What that means for Canadian retail in general ... is that Canadians — even in downturns — have good affluence in order to be able to spend," Winegard added.

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# THE SCIENCE OF 'ANTI-NONSENSE'

Applying Coun. Sean Chu's methodology, Metro columnist shares a few findings based on 'pretty scientific' observations

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Last week, Calgary got a quick science lesson from an unlikely source: Coun. Sean Chu.

Chu is council's resident "anti-nonsense" man — in his own mind, at least. Since being elected in 2013, he has repeatedly said he opposes nonsense of all kinds.

In Chu's world, nonsense seems to include secondary suites (he voted against them again last week, blocking progress on a crucial housing solution), climate change science (he mocked "global warming alarmists" on Twitter during a January cold snap) and bike lanes (city stats on increased bicycle trips are "nothing but BULLS__T" he tweeted in March, later apologizing).

It was only a matter of time before Chu mashed up two of these subjects — bike lanes and science — with predictable results.

In an interview with Metro last week, he reiterated his dislike for the 10 Street NW bike lane, where he claims to see only two cyclists, max, on his commute each day. "People say, 'Yeah, well that's anecdotal,'" Chu said. "But it's anecdotal over a year and a couple of months. That's pretty scientific."

In fairness, Chu made the comment while arguing for more automated cyclist counters akin to the one used on the Peace Bridge. But still.

Applying Chu's methodology, I'd like to share a few findings of my own, based on "pretty scientific" observations I made while commuting into downtown over a period of two years.

• I would often pass by a certain public elementary school — one said to be popular citywide — and see nobody going in. Class was already starting at the time I passed by, but for our purposes, that's beside the point. Why does the Calgary Board of Education operate a school that has no kids?

• When I'd walk by the Drop-In (DI) Centre, I'd frequently see only a handful of people milling about outside, maybe 10 or 12. Why the DI needs so large a building for so few people is anybody's guess.

• I'd often go by the LRT tracks without seeing a C-train.... You get the idea.

• At the same time every morning, I'd encounter a transit bus with a bike on its front (on the bike rack). This gladdened my heart. From this pretty scientific sample size — one bus, daily, over a period of many months — I know that there's not a bus in Calgary that isn't hauling bikes around for riders.

• After work, I could never find a car2go close by. Yeah, that's anecdotal, but again, looking at it through a "pretty scientific" lens, this tells you something — there are no car2gos to be had in Calgary, anywhere, after 4 p.m. It's clearly a conspiracy. Wake up, people!

• Finally, 99.7 per cent of Calgarians lack basic driving competence. I arrived at this precise statistic through a mix of personal observation and reactionary emotion, along with the odd video clip on the Internet. That's scientific enough, right?

## Your Calgary

### Solstice sunset

The last bit of light before the sun set behind low-lying clouds on the horizon is reflected in the glass buildings of Calgary's downtown in this photo, taken at 4:11 p.m. on the winter solstice, Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 — the shortest day of the year. The city received just seven hours, 54 minutes and 17 seconds of daylight, according to TimeandDate.com. Starting Monday, the days begin to get longer again. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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## Upcoming

### *Keep Christmas classic, Calgary*

If you're looking for something a little extra to get you in the Christmas spirit, there's still some time to take in two of Calgary's traditional holiday productions.

Both the Theatre Calgary presentation of A Christmas Carol and the Alberta Ballet's The Nutcracker run until Dec. 24.

Now in its 28th year, A Christmas Carol has actor Stephen Hair back for his 20-plus years in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge. For tickets to A Christmas Carol, visit epcorcentre.org or get more information at theatrecalgary.com.

If dance is more to your holiday liking, you might still be able to score tickets to this year's production of The Nutcracker — for more information visit albertaballet.com. METRO

### *The politics of Christmas*

After last week's Alberta legislature meltdown, with nine Wildrose Party MLAs — including the leader, Danielle Smith — defecting to the ruling PC Party, the remaining five will chart their new course this week.

The group is expected to meet with party supporters Monday and name its interim leader at that time. They are also expected to comment on the opportunity in Alberta politics they say lies before them.

Stay tuned for more fun on the Alberta political scene this week. METRO

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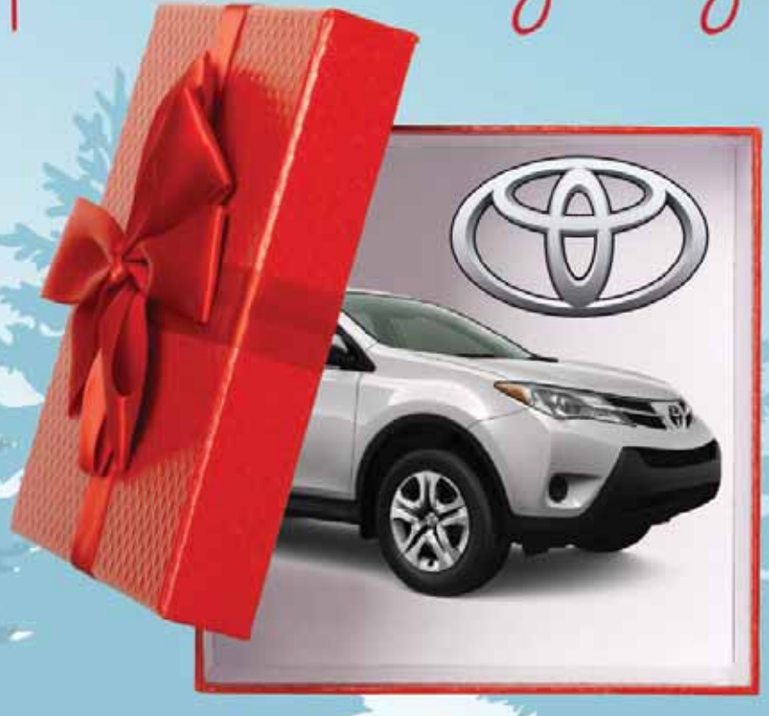

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Iggy Azalea ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

# Hackers threaten exposé if Azalea doesn't end Banks feud

We're apparently officially in the age of hacker demands, as those loveable upstarts in Anonymous — the ones with the Guy Fawkes masks and all — have jumped into Iggy Azalea's feud with Azalea Banks, demanding that Azalea make a big public apology to Banks and the #ICantBreathe protesters or suffer the consequences. Just what consequences, you might ask?

The group claims to have a sex tape featuring the singer and are threatening to release stills from it if she does not comply. Way to raise the debate, guys.

They went on to threaten, "We have so much s— on you, your scandal would be bigger than Bill Cosby's," which seems kind of impossible just purely on a fame level. Unless there's millions of people out there who think of Azalea as a paragon of wholesomeness and morality that I don't know about.

Last week, Azalea launched a new volley in her ongoing feud with Banks, calling her "a bigot" and "a miserable, angry human being" on Twitter. Fun times.

# From Ross to a Kardashian! Schwimmer returns to TV

David Schwimmer

Would you believe that Friends star David Schwimmer hasn't had a TV project since the hit sitcom ended 10 years ago? I mean, sure he's done guest spots on 30 Rock and Lisa Kudrow's Web Therapy, but a regular gig? Nope. So what could lure Schwimmer, who's been sticking to film as an actor and a director, back to TV? Apparently the chance to play Kim Kardashian's dad. Schwimmer has signed on to play Robert Kardashian in Ryan Murphy's miniseries about the O.J. Simpson trial, American Crime Story. So welcome back, Dave.

# Life not so Marvel-ous for oh-so-grown-up Corden

Into the Woods star James Corden is one busy man. While he already has a thriving film, television and theatre career — and a young family at home — he's also taking over for Craig Ferguson at The Late Late Show next year. So he obviously doesn't have time consider a role in one of Marvel's big superhero movies. Which is fine, since he wouldn't want one, anyway. "I don't think I'm talking myself out of a big Marvel franchise," he tells Metro. "If you're an actor and you're in those movies, what is your day's acting? I find it strange."

Also, for any grown-up fans of Marvel movies, Corden thinks you need to grow up. "I spend almost no time thinking about The Avengers. I literally could not spend less of my day thinking about it, and I'm constantly amazed by the volume of adults who do," he says. "Each to their own, and I wish them well, but I mean, it's preposterous."

James Corden

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# Veteran Nintendo game designer is all smiles

**Gaming.** After some slow years, Nintendo is turning heads with their amiibo interactive toy line

Shigeru Miyamoto seems giddy — and with good reason.

The veteran Nintendo designer behind such landmark video-game franchises as Mario Bros. and Donkey Kong is happy that after three years of sluggish sales for Nintendo's touch-screen-centred Wii U console, the Kyoto, Japan-based gaming giant is bouncing back, just like the famous springy plumber dreamed up 33 years ago by Miyamoto.

With the recent popularity of Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart 8, as well as the successful launch of the amiibo interactive toy figure line, Miyamoto has a few reasons to smile.

Over a cup of coffee, Miyamoto — as translated by Nintendo product marketing director Bill Trinen — discussed the possibilities for amiibo, the latest instalment of The Legend of Zelda and the future of the Mario franchise.

**It sounds like amiibo has been a success since it launched with Smash Bros. You've announced that amiibo will be compatible with upcoming games like Mario Party 10 and Yoshi's Woolly World, but how else do you see the figures being utilized in the future?**

We'll continue to make future games that will have functionality with the amiibo characters as an additional present for people who bought them. Beyond that, we're looking at how we can use the amiibo functionality in the future, including cards and whatnot.

**If you discontinue certain amiibo figures, will you continue to include them digitally in future games?**

We're not making promises for certain figures, but the way amiibo is designed is that certain games can have amiibo specifically for that game. Other games can take advantage of past amiibo that developers want to make their game compatible with. In the future, we have the option, if certain amiibo figures are no longer available in stores, to release an amiibo in card form with the same functionality.

**Quoted**

"People come to us on a fairly regular basis about creating Mario movies."

Shigeru Miyamoto, Mario Bros. designer

**You recently previewed gameplay footage from next year's Zelda instalment. What's your strategy for Zelda on the Wii U?**

One of the main things we wanted to do was go back to the open-world concept of the original Zelda games and design with that in mind. That's really the direction the team is going in. This time, we've brought back Link's horse, Epona, and his bow and arrow, but what we've decided, which is really fun, is being able to freely walk around in this world and choose what you want to do and how you want to explore. I can't talk much about it, but one of the things we're working on right now is that, as you play, the world will change and be affected by what you choose to do.

**There was correspondence that came out of the Sony leak that mentioned Spider-Man producer Avi Arad was working on a Mario Bros. animated film. Is that true? If so, what would your role be in the film, and how do you envision a modern Mario film would look like?**

I heard something about that. What's interesting is that over the past 20 years, people come to us on a fairly regular basis about creating Mario movies. There are times that those ideas end right when they bring them to us, and other times we'll listen to presentations. It's not very unusual, and it's something we've been doing for a very long time. I don't particularly have a vision that the next iteration of Mario is going to be in film.

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# Franco my dear, The Interview is worth a damn

**Review.** Ballsy James Franco's killer instincts carry mockingly good flick yanked by Sony

MATT PRIGGE
Metro in New York

James Franco and Seth Rogen in The Interview. CONTRIBUTED

Yes, there have been terrorist threats over a Seth Rogen movie with a Guinness-level number of anus jokes. The Interview — a very filthy comedy about the attempted assassination of North Korean despot Kim Jong-un — has had its release cancelled for fears of threats on theatres showing it — a lot of brouhaha over a very silly film, one with a peerlessly silly James Franco turn and lots and lots of Katy Perry. As satires go, this isn't Dr. Strangelove, even if it ends in a ballsier cinematic act of war. It's a bunch of clowns seeing how far they can go in mocking the humourless, just to see what will happen. How could they have known the battle line was basically nonexistent?

The Interview isn't even the first movie to take out a North Korean leader. The world survived Team America, which turned a puppet Kim Jong-il into a cockroach. Here, his tyrannical, babyfaced son (Randall Park) becomes the target of CIA lust after he agrees to a chat with Franco's David Skylark, a lowest common denominator infotainment god. Before he and his producer, Aaron (Rogen, who also co-directed), leave for the dictatorship, they agree — without really fully understanding the gravity of their situation — to perform a covert form of poisoning.

The funny thing about North Korea — or sympathizers, or whatever the hell the rogue hacker team known as Guardians of Peace are — getting up in arms over The Interview is that Park's Kim winds up being unexpectedly semi-sympathetic. Meekly introducing himself to Franco's Skylark, Kim's a superfan who blurts out how nervous he is to meet one of his favourite TV stars. He can't hide his obsession with American junk culture, including reciting Perry's Wide Awake while in tears, or keep from detailing the mental abuse laid on him by his late father. He and Skylark bond over being despised by those who view them as dangerous for culture — and, in Kim's case, the human race.

There are more twists to come, some not so charitable toward its real-life monster. But The Interview grants Kim more humanity than the news ever has, all the while never holding back on exposing (well, mocking) the grim realities of life above South Korea. Everything's building to a Frost/Nixon-style tête-à-tête that spills over into an outsized action climax. Rogen and company's glee in going really far is apparent; you can see them bowling over the first time they saw the crazy things they come up with materialize on-screen.

It's all a joke, if one that evidently doesn't go over well when described to humorless political leaders. And yet the funniest part isn't its cajones, or even that a film about idiots attempting a political killing is a dumb comedy that may have sparked an international incident. It's Franco. When he tries to be funny Franco's really, really funny. Skylark is a super-manchild, one caught in a cycle of childlike euphoria, insecurity and betrayal. His bromance with Kim Jong-un may be the most intense movie relationship of the year, and of course one that fiddles winkingly with the real-life questioning of the star's sexuality. The Interview isn't worth dying for, but more contraband needs someone calling John Kerry an "oak tree-looking f—."

**Review**

**The Interview**

**Directors.** Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg

**Stars.** James Franco, Seth Rogen

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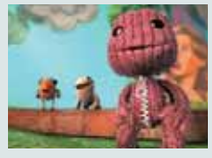

**Name.** Little Big Planet 3

**For.** PS3/PS4

**Rated.** Everyone

It's the new gadgets — a gun that fires teleporter bullets and a fan that pulls and blows structures — that introduce fresh possibilities and make this third outing a compelling challenge all over again. Hugh Laurie joins Stephen Fry to maintain the game's affable banter.

# Vine superstars hope first film will top their six-second best

**Social media.** Nash Grier and Cameron Dallas bank on Vine fans flocking to feature-length Expelled

You know Vine, that video-based social network where users upload six-second clips for the world to enjoy? Well, you might not have noticed, but it's become hugely popular. In fact, two of its biggest stars, Cameron Dallas and Marcus Johns, have done so well that they're now looking to parlay that success to their first feature film, Expelled. Dallas and Johns are hoping that their combined 11.9 million Vine followers — yes, you read that right — will come along for the ride. But that doesn't mean that they've given up on the format that launched them in the first place.

"It's really short and punchy, for people that don't have long attention spans," Dallas says of Vine. "Like for me, I can just sit there and watch little six-second clips all day. But for me to go watch a show and then watch commercials and stuff like that? I'd rather watch Vine than TV."

Expelled is basically a Ferris Bueller for the YouTube generation, with notorious prankster Felix (Dallas) trying to keep his parents in the dark about the fact that he's been kicked out of school. And it leaves plenty of opportunity for Dallas and Johns to goof off and make a case for themselves as film stars. It also serves as an early testing ground for whether the new wave of social media stars — who are hugely popular with young viewers — can translate their YouTube, Vine and Instagram success into more traditional venues.

"It was very challenging to go from six seconds to a full-length, but we put a lot of hard work in and we did it," Dallas says of the film. "And also, for a Vine you're doing the whole shebang. You're the actor, director, you do everything. It was really fun for me to take the direction of what the director wanted and try and portray that."

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# A good time to smarten up

**Money.** With another year behind us, this is when you should take stock of your finances and fix whatever isn't working for you

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OK, it's December. Do you have plans to take what you learned this year and do it differently next year?

Y'know what they say: Stupid is doing the same thing over and over and expecting to get a different result. So are you planning to keep being stupid in 2015 or is next year the year you smarten up and take control?

It's so easy to ignore the details of our financial lives when everything is rushing past us like a sped-up movie scene. And while this month seems like the busiest of all, if you want next year to be a strong, healthy one financially, it's time to stop and take a breath.

What better time to check in on your financial progress than just before the turn of a new year? Although the glow of the holiday season may be bright enough to distract you from past mistakes, living in ignorance of what's worked, or what hasn't, is no way to get off to a fresh start. If you want to make sure you're in control of your money as you head into the new year, take these steps.

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**1. Do a net worth statement.**
Assess how you feel about what you've accomplished financially this year. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being ecstatic), how do you feel about where you are? What's the biggest financial concern you have right now? What one thing do you want to accomplish before another year rolls past?

**2. Review your budget.**
How did the numbers shake out this year, and what should you tweak for next?

Often, as we progress through the year and get comfortable living on a budget, we also get complacent and costs start to rise. Look at your last two months' spending to see if it is still in line with your planning. Is it time to do some trimming? Have prices risen in some areas of your budget? Are there other changes since you did your budget that you need to incorporate?

**3. You don't have a budget? How's that working for you?**
If you're sick and tired of not knowing where your money has been going, it's time to grab a cuppa, a calculator, six months' worth of credit card and bank statements and an Excel spreadsheet. (A pen and pad work, too.) Do the spending analysis. Make a budget.

**4. Recalculate debt levels.**
If your consumer credit payments are eating up more than 15 per cent of your budget, you've got too much debt.

**Update your will**

- Do you need to review your will this year? How about your powers of attorney for both personal care and money? And have you named a guardian for your children?
- Have you reviewed this documentation in the past two years, or since your last major life change (marriage, divorce, moving, birth of a child)?
- If not, this is a good time to dig out the paperwork and have a look to see if it still meets your needs.

Some people find it's hard to even imagine being debt-free. But you can be. It may take another job to earn the extra money to get out of debt, but if that's what it takes, you can do it. Are you on target to be debt-free?

**5. Assess emergency savings.**
It takes small steps to get to where you want to be. Having six months' worth of savings for essential expenses socked away isn't a *nice*-to-have, it's a *gotta*-have.

**6. Check retirement plan.**
Make sure you're taking advantage of a retirement plan at work and the savings- matching program it may offer. No plan at work? Then you better have an individual retirement savings plan.

Did you meet your savings goal this year? No? Answer me this: How will you eat when it comes time to hang up your work gloves? How will you keep a roof over your head?

If you think your kids are going to take care of you, how would you do right now if your mom and dad showed up on your doorstep?

**7. Check investment returns.**
How are you putting your money to work for you? Are those investment choices you made still working for you?

Are you well diversified? Diversification helps you weather investment volatility because all your money isn't tied up in one sector, type of investment or geographic location. If your adviser hasn't reviewed your portfolio with you yet this year, get on the horn.

This would be a good time to adjust investments that have fallen out of whack with your goals and risk tolerance.

**8. Review your insurance coverage.**
Do you have insurance for cars, property, life and disability? If you think insurance is a waste of money, how would you cope if the worst did happen?

How would your family cope? As if a life disaster isn't bad enough, would it be fair to them to be wiped out financially at the same time?

It's easy to put off looking at your money. Put it off. Put it off. Put it off.

But you'll get no peace of mind from not knowing where you stand. Better to buckle down and do the detail.

## Relationships. Women have more partner empathy

It might not seem like news, but women exhibit considerably more empathy toward their partners than men do, according to a large-scale study at Griffith University and the University of Queensland in Australia.

When their partners succumbed to illness or experienced a traumatizing life event, women were noticeably affected, but the inverse was not true, according to Dr. Cindy Mervin from Griffith and Prof. Paul Frijters from the University of Queensland.

"It is not that men are unemotional or uncaring, since they are quite strongly affected by what happens to themselves, but they simply are not very emotional when it comes to the feelings of their partner," says Mervin.

When women's partners underwent a difficult situation the researchers measured their empathy levels at 24 per cent, nearly the same as if they themselves were undergoing the problem.

Men's emotional happenings were not linked to the experiences of their partner. AFP

Women are more affected than when partners are suffering. AFP

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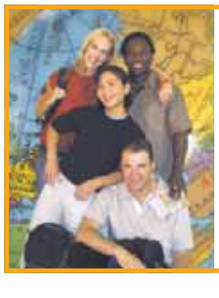
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Holiday Roasted Pork Tenderloin, shown here in its Garlic Potato Purée variation, serves 8. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# One cut of meat, three very unique flavours

**Holiday Roasted Pork Tenderloin.** If you have picky eaters at your table, here is a recipe with variations that will please everyone

Though delicious and tender, pork tenderloin also is neutral enough to pair wonderfully with numerous ingredients. It's also easy to cook. Here are three versions. Add some fresh bread and a salad and you've got a great holiday meal that you can repeat multiple times without ever feeling in a rut.

### Holiday Roasted Pork Tenderloin

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. Brush olive oil over surface of each pork tenderloin. Sprinkle each on all sides with salt and pepper. Place tenderloins in small roasting pan and roast for 30 minutes, or until the centre of the tenderloins reaches 145 F. Slice and serve topped with one of the variations below.

**Ingredients**

- Two 1-lb pork tenderloins
- Olive oil
- Kosher salt and black pepper

### Butternut Squash Pesto

In food processor, pulse 2 cups of peeled and cubed butternut squash until pieces are very finely diced. Stir 1/4 cup olive oil into squash, then spread the mix on foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Bake at 400 F 15 minutes, or until tender, but not mushy. Lift foil off pan and place the squash in freezer to chill 10 minutes. Once chilled, in bowl stir squash, 2 tablespoons lime juice, 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil, 1/4 cup grated manchego cheese, and salt and black pepper, to taste. Spoon over the pork and top with toasted almonds.

### Garlic Potato Purée

In saucepan over medium heat, combine 1 cup half-and-half with 3 garlic cloves and 2 bay leaves. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a covered saucepan fitted with a steamer basket and filled with 1 inch of water, steam 2 pounds peeled and cubed russet potatoes 15 minutes, or until very tender. Pass potatoes through a food mill into a bowl. Remove bay leaves from the half-and-half and discard. In a blender, purée the half-and-half with the garlic until completely smooth. Gradually whisk the half-and-half into the potatoes, allowing it to be absorbed before adding more. Whisk in 6 tablespoons butter, then season with salt and black pepper. Sprinkle with chopped fresh thyme, then serve alongside the pork.

### Cranberry Cider Glaze

In saucepan over medium-high, combine 2 cups apple cider with 1 cup fresh cranberries. Bring to a simmer and cook, uncovered, until thickened and reduced to 1 cup. Season with salt and pepper. Meanwhile, in an oiled skillet over medium-high heat, cook several slices of prosciutto until crisp. When the tenderloin is cooked, serve covered with the glaze and garnished with shards of crisped prosciutto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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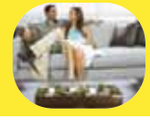

# Teaching through the eyes of Homer and Bart

**Education.** University professors are using The Simpsons in the classroom for courses on everything from literature to sociology

Richard Pioreck uses The Simpsons in his English courses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bart and Lisa Simpson have been in elementary school for 25 years. But that hasn't stopped them from showing up on college campuses.

Universities across the country are using satirical references from The Simpsons to grab students' attention and convey lessons in literature and all manner of popular culture.

"If the references are important enough to be lampooned by The Simpsons, these works must be important cultural milestones," says Hofstra University adjunct English professor Richard Pioreck, who has been incorporating the denizens of Springfield into his courses for about a decade.

He currently teaches a course about the Broadway theatre and how The Simpsons have embraced various musicals and plays. Next semester, he shifts to an online literature course titled The D'oh of Homer, which includes readings from Edgar Allan Poe's The Raven and The Fall of the House of Usher, and Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol — all referenced in Simpsons episodes.

In recent years, other universities have had courses focused on the prime-time show, which celebrated its 25th anniversary last week. Those universities include Oswego State University in New York and San Jose State University in California.

Longtime executive producer Al Jean says he's not surprised professors have embraced the program.

"Some people may think we are very vulgar, but then they find there is a lot of warmth and emotion and many people are surprised at the intelligence of some of the jokes," he says.

Pioreck says he decided to use the show after his daughter's friend passed an exam on The Devil and Daniel Webster by watching a Simpsons episode that focused on the story.

He found the sitcom usually aims for more than just the easy punchlines, with writers layering the plotlines with humour that can be appreciated by lowbrow, middlebrow and highbrow audiences alike.

For example, in one episode that parodied A Streetcar Named Desire (A Streetcar Named Marge), the dynamics of Homer and Marge Simpson's marriage are deftly illustrated through a comparison to the relationship of the couple in the play, Stella and Stanley.

"The Simpsons do a great deal of parodying, whether it's a complete script or a number here or there," Pioreck says. "Quite often, they choose family relationships; what makes a man a success is one of the things that we pursue. And you can see what happens to Homer. Even though it looks like he's not a good father, he steps up and he comes through in the end."

Jean acknowledges a theme in many episodes is the comparison of the Montgomery Burns character — the miserly owner of Springfield's nuclear power plant — to the lead character in the movie Citizen Kane, Charles Foster Kane.

"Mr. Burns ... he doesn't have fulfilment in his life even though he's the richest person in town," Pioreck says. "Here are two people who have it all, they have more money than they know what to do with and yet they're not happy. Homer has no money, but has friends and family."

Incredibly, at least one Hofstra student confesses she'd never seen the sitcom before signing up for the Simpsons-Broadway course.

Elizabeth Sarian, a 21-year-old music performance major, says she signed up because of her interest in Broadway, not the cartoon. Still, she says, the show "really does teach you a lot from watching it."

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**Pop culture**

**"Teachers need to keep things fresh," says Denise DuVernay, an adjunct English professor at St. Xavier University in Chicago, co-author of the book The Simpsons in the Classroom: Embiggening the Learning Experience with the Wisdom of Springfield.**

**"They need to reach students however they can. And using The Simpsons to grab their attention, I think, is brilliant," she says. "Fighting against pop culture isn't going to do anyone any good."**


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## Work. Early-morning disco is better than the gym to jump-start your day

At dawn, before commuting to his job in London's Canary Wharf business district, 26-year-old Nathaniel Hone joins hundreds of revellers at a dance party fuelled only by coffee and smoothies.

At the end of an alleyway in trendy Bethnal Green, a line of morning revellers is waiting patiently at the entrance of the Oval Space, a 6,000-square-foot venue with the feel of an old warehouse. Welcome to Morning Gloryville, an alcohol-free disco.

"Morning Gloryville started a year and a half ago. We only had about 26 people at the first event," said co-founder Samantha Moyo, 26. "Now we're attracting 1,000 people per event, and we're in 16 cities all over the world," including Bangalore, New York, Paris and Tokyo.

Instead of beer or cocktails, the bar offers smoothies such as the Incredible Hulk, a green concoction made of apple, banana, lemon, spinach and spirulina.

DJ Miles Metric is behind his turntables as the dancers arrive. Some are in pyjamas; others are in colourful outfits or carnival fashion.

Kaye, 35, admitted it was difficult to wake up at 6 a.m. "Everybody's wearing fancy dress, it's colourful, we're having coffee, smoothies, we're having a good time," she said. "It made my day better already." AFP


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# Use social media to find your dream job

**Work.** Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook can help you promote your skills and make valuable contacts in your chosen field

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These days, it's hard to find someone who isn't on social media. It comes as no surprise that a 2014 Pew study found 74 per cent of online adults use social networking sites. But are you leveraging social media to take your career to the next level?

According to a recent Jobvite survey of 2,000 recruiters, more than half said they'd reconsidered a candidate based on their social profile. And 94 per cent use LinkedIn to recruit employees.

So how can you best use social media to land the job of your dreams?

We asked Caity Kauffman, social media and digital marketing manager for the Tampa Bay Lightning. At 25, Kauffman is living proof that understanding social media pays off. She used connections made on Twitter to secure her first job out of college. Since then, she's cultivated a loyal social media following and is considered an up-and-coming millennial voice in Tampa Bay.

Here are her most valuable tips for boosting your career through social media.

### Tweet your resumé

It may sound a little out there, but tweeting your resumé can be a great way to get exposure. For Kauffman, doing this led to a job producing a Sirius XM radio show. (Thanks to a retweet.)

"I actually gave the same advice to a girlfriend in Philadelphia. She tweeted out her resumé and an ad agency found her and hired her as a junior copywriter."

Creating an online portfolio of your work is another little thing that can have a big impact. It's also easy to promote on social media and paints a more complete picture of your skill set, especially since a resumé is typically only one page long.

### Watch what you post

When it comes to breaking into a new industry, be mindful of your tweets and status updates. Think of yourself as a business in the sense that you need to remember your audience. Kauffman recommends posting things that are related to the industry you want to be in.

"If you're posting about random things all the time, no one will see you as someone who's already in the business," she says.

Long before landing her job in the NHL, Kauffman was using social media to post news and other tidbits about the industry.

She learned everything she could about the field, posting and retweeting relevant information she could find. She even paid her own way to the NHL draft to network in person.

"Start acting like you're already in the business, even though you're not," she says. "A lot of times, people can't tell the difference."

### Reach out to new contacts (without being creepy)

Got your eye on a potential new contact you're itching to connect with? The last thing you want to do is come on too strong, which can spoil the relationship before it even begins. Begin by following the person on social media, gradually commenting and retweeting. This opens the door for some interaction.

"Engage with them naturally, as if they have nothing to offer you," Kauffman says. "Once they start tweeting back and you have a couple of back-and-forths, I would send them a DM or email if possible."

The worst thing you can do at this point is ask them how they can help you. Instead, just ask them to grab coffee so that you can learn from their experience.

If you're eager and motivated, most people will want to help you. So focus on building relationships before you start asking for favours.

### Update your profile

LinkedIn is definitely the most-used social media platform when it comes to job searching. Kauffman really drives home the importance of making sure your profile is completely filled out all the time. Every time your job changes, make certain you update it with your full job description.

"I also accept (connection requests) from people I don't know if they're in my industry," says Kauffman. "And I always accept recruiters — you never know what's going to happen, and those are the people who are always looking for talent."

Employers and recruiters are increasingly using social media to find and investigate potential employees. ISTOCK

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# Steelers forge their way back into playoffs

**NFL.** Pittsburgh beats Kansas City to earn its first post-season berth in three seasons

The Pittsburgh Steelers spent two years rebuilding themselves on the fly, a necessary process that frequently looked more erratic than inspiring.

Consider the project nearly complete. The surging Steelers are heading back to January.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 220 yards and a touchdown, Le'Veon Bell added a score and the Steelers locked up a post-season berth with a methodical 20-12 win over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday.

"It was such a sense of urgency this week, knowing what was at stake," defensive end Cam Heyward said. "I just thought we answered the challenge."

Pittsburgh (10-5) faces Cincinnati next week for the AFC North title. Either way, the Steelers are in the playoffs for the first time since Tim Tebow and Denver stunned the defending AFC champions in the wild-card round three years ago.

That group was on the tail end of a stretch that saw Pittsburgh put together three Super Bowl appearances in six years. This group is decidedly younger. The Steelers won their third straight and are 7-2 since an October loss at Cleveland left them at 3-3.

Those days suddenly seem long ago. Pittsburgh kept the Chiefs in check behind a resurgent pass rush energized by the return of James Harrison.

The 36-year-old linebacker missed last week's win over Atlanta with a knee problem. He returned to pick up 1.5 of Pittsburgh's season-high six sacks.

"We're headed in the right direction," Harrison said.

The Chiefs? Not so much. Alex Smith passed for a season-high 311 yards, but Kansas City lost for the fourth time in five games. The Chiefs need to beat San Diego next week and get some help to make it back to the playoffs for a second straight year under Andy Reid.

Moving the ball wasn't a problem. The Chiefs outgained the NFL's top-ranked offence 327-288 but couldn't seem to get the one momentum-turning play that mattered. Kansas City came in second in the NFL in red zone touchdown percentage only to see six drives into Pittsburgh territory end with four field goals by Cairo Santos, Jamaal Charles' fumble and a fourth-down gamble late in the first half that fizzled.

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Steelers defenders Cameron Heyward, top, and Jason Worilds sack Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith in Pittsburgh on Sunday. DON WRIGHT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Quoted**

**"When your back is to the wall, it shows what you're about and what you stand for. That was huge for us."**

**Steelers linebacker Lawrence Timmons** on a key stop when the Chiefs elected to go for it on a fourth down rather than kick a field goal in the second quarter

**Around the league**

**Falcons 30, Saints 14.** Julio Jones returned from a hip injury to catch seven passes for 107 yards, and Atlanta (6-9) remained in playoff contention.

**Panthers 17, Browns 13.** Cam Newton threw for one touchdown and ran for another as Carolina (6-8-1) took over sole possession of first place in the NFC South. The victory sets up the winner-take-all showdown next Sunday at Atlanta.

**Packers 20, Buccaneers 3.** Aaron Rodgers threw for 318 yards and one touchdown to help the Packers clinch a playoff berth. Green Bay closes the regular season at home against Detroit, and a victory will give the Packers another NFC North crown.

**Patriots 17, Jets 16.** Jonas Gray scored the go-ahead touchdown on a one-yard run early in the fourth quarter after the Pats intercepted Geno Smith, and New England clinched a first-round playoff bye.

**Cowboys 42, Colts 7.** Dallas ended a four-year playoff drought Sunday in a dominating fashion with Tony Romo throwing four touchdown passes. The Cowboys also won the NFC East.

**Raiders 26, Bills 24.** Derek Carr threw two touchdown passes to help the Raiders knock the Bills (8-7) from playoff contention.

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# Stars' Horcoff knocks off former teammates

**NHL.** Ex-Oilers captain notches shootout winner in Dallas's win over Edmonton

Stars forward Tyler Seguin celebrates one of his two third-period goals in a come-from-behind win over the Oilers on Sunday night in Edmonton. JASON FRANSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRES

Shawn Horcoff scored the winner in the eighth round of the shootout and added a goal in regulation time as the Dallas Stars came from behind to win their fourth straight game, defeating the struggling Edmonton Oilers 6-5 on Sunday.

Tyler Seguin had two goals and an assist and Erik Cole and Jamie Benn also scored for the Stars (14-13-5), who have won five of their last six outings.

Taylor Hall and Mark Arcobello each had two goals and Teddy Purcell had the other for the Oilers (7-20-7), who blew a 5-2 lead in the game.

The Oilers have now lost seven straight and a distressing 18 of their last 19 games.

Edmonton got on the board first, just three minutes in, with a power-play goal. Stars starter Kari Lehtonen made the stop on a Jordan Eberle shot, but Hall came racing in to shoot in the rebound from a tough angle. The goal ended a career-high 11-game scoring drought for Hall.

Dallas pulled even 3-1/2 minutes later as the rebound from a Jyrki Jokipakka shot through traffic was corralled by Horcoff in front, and the former Oiler batted the puck through the legs of Edmonton goalie Ben Scrivens.

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## Blackhawks beat up on Leafs

Maple Leafs defenceman Cody Franson pushes Blackhawks centre Jonathan Toews from the front of James Reimer's net on Sunday night at United Center in Chicago. Patrick Kane had a power-play goal and two assists, leading the Blackhawks to a 4-0 victory over Toronto. BRIAN KERSEY/GETTY IMAGES

# Canadian juniors get exhibition win over Sweden

Sweden's Jacob de la Rose takes a hit from Canada's Frederik Gauthier, left, and Madison Bowey on Sunday night in Ottawa. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada got goals from five different skaters en route to a 5-2 victory over Sweden in world junior exhibition play on Sunday.

Max Domi, Josh Morrissey, Anthony Duclair, Shea Theodore and Sam Reinhart scored for Canada while Eric Comrie made 17 saves.

Gustav Forsling and William Nylander had goals for Sweden, which got a 28-save performance from Samuel Ward.

This was Canada's first game since finalizing its roster for the IIHF world junior championship Saturday. The tournament gets underway Dec. 26 with Canada taking on Slovakia in Montreal.

**On Sunday**

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It was also Connor McDavid's first game since he suffered a broken bone in his right hand on Nov. 11, and Curtis Lazar's first game since being loaned to the team by the Ottawa Senators.

The duo played together with Nick Ritchie and while they didn't score, they created a number of solid scoring chances.

The trio of Domi, Duclair and Reinhart continue to display chemistry and were once again dangerous around the net as they combined for six points, including three goals.

Leading 3-1 to start the third, Canada extended its lead on Theodore's goal at the six-minute mark of the final period. Theodore picked up his own rebound and beat Ward glove side.

Reinhart rounded out his line's scoring as he picked up a power-play goal midway through the period, beating Ward short side under the arm.

Nylander, a Leafs prospect, made it 5-2 as he beat Comrie on a penalty shot late in the third period.

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**Speedskating**

## Canadian men win silver together

The Canadian men's relay team won a silver medal Sunday while Charles Hamelin added a bronze in the men's 500-metre race on the final day of a World Cup stop in Seoul.

Hamelin, Patrick Duffy, Charle Cournoyer and Samuel Girard finished in second place in seven minutes 1.373 seconds, behind the Netherlands and ahead of China. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Alpine skiing**

## Crash keeps Vonn waiting for record

American Lindsey Vonn's bid for a record-equalling 62nd World Cup win will have to wait a little while longer.

The four-time World Cup winner crashed out of Sunday's super-G race in Val d'Isere, France. Elisabeth Goergl beat Olympic champion Anna Fenninger by .05 seconds to lead an Austrian 1-2.

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Vonn did no damage to her troublesome right knee but landed heavily on her right elbow on Sunday. GIOVANNI AULETTA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Women's soccer**

## North Korea leaps Canada in rankings

Canada has fallen one spot to No. 9 in the FIFA world women's soccer rankings.

North Korea vaulted past the Canadian women in the latest list, jumping four places to No. 7.

Germany moved into top spot, relegating the U.S. to second spot. France rose one place to third, dropping defending World Cup champion Japan to fourth.

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**More bronze than ever**

## Ronaldo unveils statue in Portugal

Cristiano Ronaldo has unveiled a statue of himself on his home island of Madeira in Portugal.

Ronaldo calls the larger-than-life bronze statue "prettier than me," according to Spanish news agency Europa Press.

The 29-year-old Real Madrid forward helped the Spanish team win the Club World Cup in Morocco on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cristiano Ronaldo with his statue on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Colleagues and employers may need convincing that what you are planning is going to work but it won't bother you because you have self-belief. It'll to be a great week for starting projects.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
You like surprises and that's just as well because they will be arriving every few minutes over the next couple of days. Be adventurous. Be outrageous.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Keep your wits about you today or you could lose out financially. Someone you think is a friend is actually a secret rival, so don't don't accept what they tell you without checking it out first.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
This will be an interesting time and many strange things are likely to happen over the next few days. Chances are you will meet people who challenge your worldview.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Break free of habits that hold you back from realizing your potential and today's new moon will help. Look at the big picture over the next 24 hours.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
This is one of the best times of the year for trying new things. Make the most of today's new moon to branch out creatively and do things you never have.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
A personal issue that has been causing you problems will take a turn for the better. The most important thing is that you don't try to hang on to what is now moving out of your life.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Wherever you go and whatever you do today you will meet people who inspire you to be bigger and better. You will also, in your own small way, be an inspiration to others.

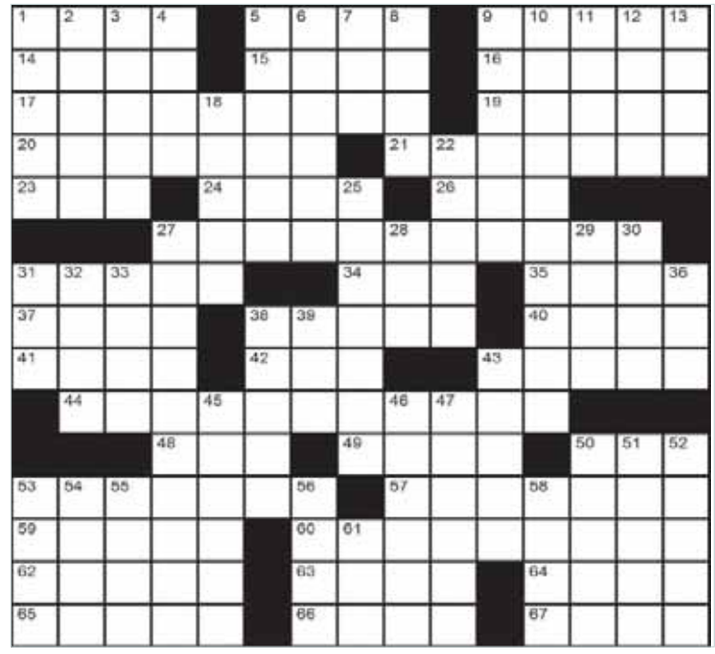
### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Unexpected changes may unsettle you today but it won't be long before you regain your balance and find ways to make them pay.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Today's new moon in your sign makes this one of the very best times of the year, especially for creative endeavors and affairs of the heart. Tackle life head on.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Someone you are close to is likely to do something that shocks you but you should have seen it coming. Why not show how much they mean to you with unconditional support?

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You will get the red carpet treatment wherever you go today. But you cannot possibly accept every invitation that comes your way, so be selective.

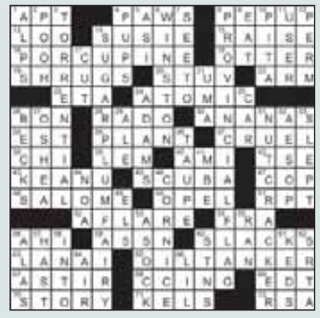
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



**Across**
1. "__ Christmas" by Wham!
5. Father-in-law for Esau
9. "We Three Kings of Orient Are" part: "_ __ of wonder..."
14. Noted volcano
15. Deviate
16. Elbow: French
17. 2008 Canadian short film starring Jonathan Torrens about Christmas foliage that retaliates
19. Bit __ __ blood (Tension)
20. Festive decoration
21. Gongs
23. Select
24. Centimetre, e.g.
26. Celebrity's agt.
27. Manitoba: __ __ Provincial Park
31. Handles on swords
34. Be in debt
35. Wash-and-__
37. In the blink __ eye: 2 wds.
38. Like porridge bits
40. Mr. Foley
41. Ancient's 53
42. Drollness
43. Dancer Mr. Kelly's
44. As per #60-Across... Kevin's mom played by Canadian actress Catherine O'Hara, Kate __
48. Green, for one
49. Max __ (World Chess Champion of 1935 to 1937)
50. Telly-watcher's network
53. Tropical destinations
57. Hanukkah candelabrum
59. Eye-related prefix
60. 1990 Christmas-time movie comedy starring Macaulay Culkin: 2 wds.
62. Christmas tune: "Do You Hear What _ __?"
63. Enthusiastic
64. Chop the veggies
65. "__ _ luck to ya!" (Hope ya win!)
66. French 'words'
67. Swill

**Down**
1. Free: 2 wds.
2. "It's _ __!" (Crook-to-crook warning)
3. Hagar the Horrible's dog
4. Weight unit in China
5. More level or fair
6. Four-wheeled carriage
7. Association, briefly
8. Da's Russian opposite
9. Christmas tune: " _ __, _ Come, Emmanuel"
10. Skiing surface sort: 2 wds.
11. Big brass?
12. Eve's beloved
13. Wine hues
18. Jazz improvisations
22. Liv Tyler's 'Lord of the Rings' movies part
25. Terrier type, commonly
27. Visitor in Clement Clarke Moore's famous Christmas poem: 2 wds.
28. Sheep sort
29. Hollywood icon James
30. Conserve
31. Christmas, e.g.
32. "Let me know __ __ in your way."
33. Secular
36. Home base, shortly
38. Baby barn bird
39. Garlic: French
43. Actress Ms. Davis
45. Northern Lights = __ Borealis
46. Mountain's top
47. Some fabrics
50. Way to cook
51. Baccarat call
52. Little bird's sound
53. Churn
54. Lingering noise
55. Cooking fat
56. Pillow cover
58. Alberta town
61. Egg-related prefix

## Friday's Crossword



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